

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 13**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COVINGTON, LOUISIANA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

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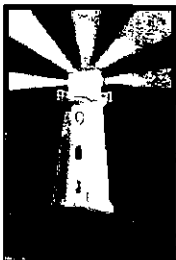
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December 31, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13
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We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, as of December 31, 2008, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated April 27, 2009, on our consideration of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The District has not presented management's discussion and analysis that are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13. The supplemental information on page 18 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Bernard L. Franks

April 27, 2009

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008**

	GENERAL FUND	ADJUSTMENTS (EXHIBIT A)	STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 719,658	\$ -	\$ 719,658
Due from other government units	1,065,368	-	1,065,368
Prepaid Insurance	24,810	-	24,810
Capital assets			
Non-depreciable	-	10,000	10,000
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	-	939,683	939,683
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,809,836</u>	<u>\$ 949,683</u>	<u>\$ 2,759,519</u>
 LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenditures	\$ 53,865	\$ -	\$ 53,865
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	-	76,692	76,692
Due after one year	-	754,485	754,485
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 53,865</u>	<u>\$ 831,177</u>	<u>\$ 885,042</u>
 FUND BALANCES			
Fund balance - unreserved	\$ 1,731,161	\$ (1,731,161)	\$ -
Fund balance - reserved	24,810	(24,810)	-
	<u>\$ 1,755,971</u>	<u>\$ (1,755,971)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 1,809,836</u>		
 NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		\$ 118,506	\$ 118,506
Unrestricted		1,755,971	1,755,971
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 1,874,477</u>	<u>\$ 1,874,477</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 949,683</u>	<u>\$ 2,759,519</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
(EXHIBIT A)
December 31, 2008**

Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$1,755,971
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund.

Governmental capital assets	1,571,953	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>622,270</u>	949,683

Long-term liabilities, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund.

Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:

Certificates of indebtedness	763,000	
Note Payable-Whitney National Bank	<u>68,177</u>	<u>(831,177)</u>

Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$1,874,477</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENT OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
December 31, 2008**

	GENERAL FUND	ADJUSTMENTS (EXHIBIT B)	STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$ 1,047,920	\$ -	\$ 1,047,920
Intergovernmental:			
State of Louisiana:			
State revenue sharing	22,486	-	22,486
Fire insurance tax	8,629	-	8,629
St. Tammany Parish			
Antenna Grant	9,000	-	9,000
Miscellaneous:			
Tower lease	12,100	-	12,100
Interest	11,375	-	11,375
Donations	750	-	750
Miscellaneous	400	-	400
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,112,660</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,112,660</u>
Expenditures/Expenses			
Current:			
Public safety:			
Personnel	\$ 330,547	\$ -	\$ 330,547
Insurance	68,136	-	68,136
Communications	16,874	-	16,874
Telephone	10,105	-	10,105
Operating supplies	51,657	-	51,657
Training and morale	1,687	-	1,687
Repairs and maintenance	25,406	-	25,406
Professional fees	20,000	-	20,000
Utilities	14,387	-	14,387
Administration	16,957	-	16,957
Depreciation	-	83,953	83,953
Total public safety	<u>\$ 555,756</u>	<u>\$ 83,953</u>	<u>\$ 639,709</u>
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	\$ 72,720	\$ (72,720)	\$ -
Interest and fiscal charges	35,857	-	35,857
Total debt service	<u>\$ 108,577</u>	<u>\$ (72,720)</u>	<u>\$ 35,857</u>
Capital outlay	<u>\$ 62,213</u>	<u>\$ (62,213)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>\$ 726,546</u>	<u>\$ (50,980)</u>	<u>\$ 675,566</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES OVER REVENUES	<u>\$ 386,114</u>	<u>\$ (386,114)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Change in net assets	\$ -	\$ 437,094	\$ 437,094
FUND BALANCE			
Beginning of year	<u>\$ 1,302,115</u>	<u>\$ 135,268</u>	<u>\$ 1,437,383</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 1,688,229</u>	<u>\$ 186,248</u>	<u>\$ 1,874,477</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL
FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
(EXHIBIT B)
December 31, 2008**

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$ 386,114
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital outlay	62,213	
Depreciation expense	<u>(83,953)</u>	
Depreciation expense over capital outlay		(21,740)

Repayment of capital principal is an expenditure in the governmental fund but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.

Principal payments	<u>72,720</u>
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Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 437,094</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

NOTE 1. GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT
ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13 (the District) was established in 1988 under Ordinance Police Jury Series No. 88-949. The Fire District was established for the purpose of providing fire protection to a designated geographical area in St. Tammany Parish. The Fire District maintains three fire stations.

The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

a) Reporting Entity

The District is a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government (the Parish) and as such, these financial statements will be included in the Comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of the Parish for the year ended December 31, 2008.

The District has reviewed all of its activities and determined that there are no potential component units which should be included in its financial statements.

b) Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of the government-wide statements on all activities of the District and the governmental fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities for all activities of the District. The governmental-wide presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues.

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NOTE 1. GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT
ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

c) Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements:

The fund financial statements are very similar to the traditional government fund statements as presented by governments prior to the issuance of Statement No. 34. The daily accounts and operations of the District continue to be organized on the basis of a fund and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of the fund is accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equity, revenues and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in the fund based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following is the Governmental Fund of the District:

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

d) Management's Discussion and Analysis

In June 1999, GASB unanimously approved Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. One of the more significant changes in Statement No. 34 include for the first time a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the District's overall financial position and results of operations and financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the District's activities. The District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

e) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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NOTE 1. GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT
ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

e) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting(Continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied.

Fund Financial Statements:

All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other uses) in net current assets. Governmental funds are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Governmental fund revenues resulting from exchange transactions are recognized in the fiscal year in which the exchange takes place and meets the government's availability criteria (susceptible to accrual). Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing (Intergovernmental revenue) are recognized as revenue in the year the taxes are assessed. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. An exception to this general rule is principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due. Allocations of cost such as depreciation are not recognized in the governmental funds.

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NOTE 1. GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT
ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

f) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain report amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

g) Operating Budgetary Data

As required by the Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1303, the Board of Commissioners (the Board) adopted a budget for the District's General Fund. The budgetary practices include public notice of the proposed budget, public inspection of the proposed budget and public hearing on the budget prior to adoption. Any amendment involving the transfer of monies from one function to another or increases in expenditures must be approved by the Board. The District amended its budget once during the year. All budgeted amounts which are not expended, or obligated through contracts, lapse at year end.

The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis materially consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and is included in the budget presentation in the basic financial statements.

h) Accounts Receivable

The financial statements for the District contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the fund.

i) Cash

Cash included amounts in interest bearing demand deposits. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

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NOTE 1. GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT
ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

j) Capital Assets

The accounting treatment over property, plant and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether the assets are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

In the government-wide financial statements, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$500 or more are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance is expensed as incurred.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Machinery and equipment	5-10 years
Vehicles	5-10 years

Fund Financial Statements:

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

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NOTE 1. GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT
ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

k) Long-Term Debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists of certificates of indebtedness.

Fund Financial Statements:

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payments of principle and interest reported as expenditures.

l) Vacation, Sick Leave and Pension

The District does not provide any vacation or sick leave benefits to any of its employees. Accordingly, there is no accrual for compensated absences. The District does not have a retirement plan.

1) Fund Equity

Government-wide Statements:

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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NOTE 1. GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT
ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- c. Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt”.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District’s policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. As of December 31, 2008 and for the year then ended, the District did not have or receive restricted net assets.

Fund Financial Statements:

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated.

NOTE 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States, certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana or any other federally insured investment.

Bank Deposits:

State law requires deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision.

Cash and deposits are categorized into three categories of credit risk.

Category 1 includes deposits covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the District or its agent in the District’s name.

Category 2 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department or its agent in the District’s name.

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NOTE 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Category 3 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution or its trust department or agent but not in the District's name and deposits which are uninsured and uncollateralized.

The year end balances of deposits are as follows:

	Bank Balances Category			Book Balance
	1	2	3	
Cash	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$475,093</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$718,878</u>
Totals	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$475,093</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$718,878</u>

At December 31, 2008, the District held cash (bank balance) of \$725,093 in interest bearing demand deposits. These deposits were secured from risk of FDIC insurance and pledges of security by the fiscal agent bank.

NOTE 3. PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied each November 1 on the assessed value listed as of prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the St. Tammany Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amounts of the taxes. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$30.92 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within the District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities within the District and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes.

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NOTE 4. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Amounts due from other governmental units at December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

St. Tammany Parish Tax Collector - December, 2008 collections remitted to the District in 2008:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,041,377
State revenue sharing	14,991
Other	<u>9,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,065,368</u>

NOTE 5. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	Balance January 1, 2007	Additions	Adjustments	Balance December 31, 2008
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	379,617	36,171	---	415,788
Machinery and equipment	428,149	26,042	---	454,191
Vehicles	<u>691,975</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>691,975</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,499,741</u>	<u>62,213</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>1,561,954</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(83,498)	(7,414)	---	(90,912)
Machinery and equipment	(195,559)	(30,461)	---	(226,020)
Vehicles	<u>(259,260)</u>	<u>(46,079)</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>(305,339)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(538,317)</u>	<u>(83,954)</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>(622,271)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>961,424</u>	<u>(21,741)</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>939,683</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 971,424</u>	<u>\$ (21,741)</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 949,683</u>

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NOTE 6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENDITURES

Accounts payable and accrued expenditures at December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

Vendors	\$ 27,377
Accrued payroll	3,166
Payroll deductions and withholding	10,231
Interest payable	13,091
	<u>\$ 53,865</u>

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

In order to provide funds for acquiring, constructing, and improving fire protection facilities, the Fire District issued on November 16, 2000, Certificates of Indebtedness series 2000, in the amount of \$136,000. The certificates require interest payment at the rate of 5.7% per annum payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year.

The debt service for the certificates is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2009	\$ 21,000	\$ 599
	<u>\$ 21,000</u>	<u>\$ 599</u>

For the certificate indebtedness, the total principal and interest component equal the required minimum payment for the year shown.

The Fire Protection District borrowed \$147,690 on August 27, 2005, from a bank secured by a fire truck with a carrying value of \$115,572. The note requires annual payments of \$24,891 beginning May 1, 2005 and with a final payment on May 1, 2011.

The debt service for the secured note payable is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2009	\$ 21,692	\$ 3,199
2010	22,710	2,181
2011	23,776	1,116
	<u>\$ 68,178</u>	<u>\$ 6,496</u>

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NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

On September 19, 2007 the Fire District issued Certificates of Indebtedness series 2007 in the amount of \$775,000 for the program it has undertaken to provide for acquiring, constructing, and improving fire protection facilities and equipment. The certificates require interest payment at the rate of 4.2% per annum payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year.

The debt service for the secured note payable is as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2009	\$ 34,000	\$ 30,450
2010	56,000	28,560
2011	59,000	26,145
2012	88,000	23,058
2013	92,000	19,278
2014	97,000	15,309
2015	101,000	11,151
2016	105,000	6,825
2017	110,000	2,310
	<u>\$742,000</u>	<u>\$163,086</u>

For the certificate indebtedness, the total principal and interest component equal the required minimum payment for the year shown.

Changes in long-term debt for governmental activities are as follows:

	<u>Certificates of Indebtedness</u>
Balance at January 1, 2008	\$ 903,897
Payments	<u>72,720</u>
Balance at December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 831,177</u>

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NOTE 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to workers' compensation; torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters; for which the District carries commercial insurance. The premiums for group insurance are based on a fixed rate per employee. There was no litigation pending against the District as of December 31, 2008.

NOTE 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The District is planning to initiate a bid process in 2009 for the construction of a new fire station facility, management estimates that the cost of the facility will range between \$650,000 and \$750,000.

NOTE 10. COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Commissioners serves the District without compensation.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

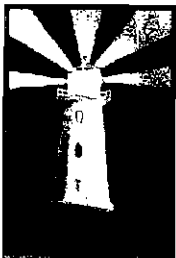
**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 13**

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -
GENERAL FUND
December 31, 2008**

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	AMOUNTS	FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:				
Taxes	\$ 690,000	\$ 701,200	\$ 1,047,920	\$ 346,720
Intergovernmental:				
State of Louisiana:				
State revenue sharing	13,000	15,000	22,486	7,486
Fire insurance tax	8,000	8,600	8,629	29
St. Tammany Parish	-	9,000	9,000	-
Miscellaneous:				
Tower lease	-	12,100	12,100	-
Interest	6,000	11,000	11,375	375
Doantions	-	750	750	-
Miscellaneous	1,000	400	400	-
Proceeds from sale of certificates	667,000	36,200	-	(36,200)
Total revenues	\$ 1,385,000	\$ 794,250	\$ 1,112,660	\$ 318,410
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety:				
Personnel	\$ 280,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,547	\$ (547)
Insurance	50,000	67,100	68,136	(1,036)
Communications	18,000	21,500	16,874	4,626
Telephone	12,000	10,000	10,105	(105)
Operating supplies	45,000	55,000	51,657	3,343
Training and morale	3,000	3,000	1,687	1,313
Repairs and maintenance	20,000	29,000	25,406	3,594
Professional fees	18,000	20,500	20,000	500
Utilities	13,000	14,000	14,387	(387)
Administration	15,000	18,000	16,957	1,043
Total public safety	\$ 474,000	\$ 568,100	\$ 555,756	\$ 12,344
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	\$ 75,000	\$ 73,000	\$ 72,720	\$ 280
Interest and fiscal charges	36,000	36,000	35,857	143
Total debt service	\$ 111,000	\$ 109,000	\$ 108,577	\$ 423
Capital outlay	\$ 800,000	\$ 117,150	\$ 62,213	\$ 54,937
Total expenditures	\$ 1,385,000	\$ 794,250	\$ 726,546	\$ 67,704
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 386,114	\$ 386,114
FUND BALANCES/NET ASSETS				
Beginning of year	\$ 573,460	\$ 573,460	\$ 1,302,115	
End of year	\$ 573,460	\$ 573,460	\$ 1,688,229	

See notes to financial statements.

REPORTS BY AUDITOR



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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Commissioners
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the St. Tammany Parish Fire

Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

No management letter was issued to St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish Consolidated Government, State of Louisiana, for the year ended December 31, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, City Council, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



Metairie, Louisiana
April 27, 2009

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS AND
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

DECEMBER 31, 2008

Part I — Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditor's report issued	Unqualified
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Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness (es) identified?	No
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Reportable condition(s) identified not considered to be material weakness?	No
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Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?	No
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Management letter issued?	No
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Part II — Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

There were no findings for the year ended December 31, 2008.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS

DECEMBER 31, 2008

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no prior year's findings applicable to the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13.

REPORTS BY MANAGEMENT

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13
MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

DECEMBER 31, 2008

FINDINGS

There were no findings for the year ended December 31, 2008.